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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this day of day of 2006.

(Signature)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of two (2) month from August 24, 2006 to October 24, 2006 within which to respond to the office action dated May 24, 2006. A check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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